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SUBJ: COMBATTING TERRORISM: TRAINING PROPOSAL

REF: (A) STATE 103181; (B) LOME 942

1. APPRECIATE YOUR PROMPT CONSIDERATION OF MY PROPOSAL AND YOUR INFORMATIVE RESPONSE.

2. WOULD ONLY WISH TO ADD THIS TO DISCUSSION: PARA 4 OF RESPONSE IMPLIES THAT THREAT LEVEL BUILD-UP AT POST WITHOUT MSG DETACHMENT WILL ESCALATE SLOWLY ENOUGH TO PERMIT POST TO IDENTIFY AND ANALYZE IT, TAKE DECISION THAT HELP IS NEEDED, SEND FOR IT AND GET IT (IN FORM OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL) - BEFORE TERRORISTS STRIKE. BY CONTRAST, TAKING RECENT EXPERIENCE AS GUIDE, FIRST WE KNEW OF EXISTENCE OF EVEN POTENTIAL THREAT IN LOME WAS UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCE OF FIVE "IRANIANS" OR "IRANIAN GYPSIES" WHO WALKED IN OFF STREET LOOKING FOR VASIS TO U.S. OBVIOUSLY, REACTION TIME AVAILABLE IN EVENT THEY HAD STARTED SERIOUS TROUBLE WOULD HAVE BEEN A FEW MINUTES AT BEST.

3. DO NOT WISH BELABOR ABOVE, BECAUSE I KNOW SY EVEN MORE DEEPLY AWARE OF PROBLEM THAN WE, BUT RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT THAT LOME'S TRAINING PROPOSAL MERITS SOME ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES WHEN QUALIFIED PERSONNEL CAN BE FOUND TO CONDUCT TRAINING.

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